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TO INFO	Chief, CLS Chief, EE Chief of Station, Germany Chief of Base, Bonn		HEADQUARTERS FILE # 32W-2-10 FFN: X/HOFFMANN, Dr. Emil Fridolin
FROM	Chief of Base, Munich		DATE 12 April 1960
SUBJECT	UPSWING/BEDOX/DIZTAG/HIWAY/C] CALL/CALLIKAK/ Operational Dr. Emil Fridolin HOFFMANN		RE "43-3" - (CHECK "X" ONE) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MARKED FOR INDEXING <input type="checkbox"/> NO INDEXING REQUIRED
ACTION REQUIRED	See para. 2 below C]		INDEXING CAN BE JUDGED DOCUMENT BY MICROFILMED SERVICE ONLY
<p>REFERENCE(S)</p> <p>A. EGMA 62176, 16 Feb. 1960, not sent CLS, Bonn</p> <p>B. EGMA 18129, 4 December 1959, not sent CLS</p> <p><i>1. Reference A states that SMOTH in Berlin has requested CALLIKAK coverage on</i></p> <p><i>Dr. Emil *HOFFMANN</i> Residence Berlin, Forststrasse 14 Telephone 84 25 50</p> <p>and Reference B requests traces and notes that the SG is conducting investi-proceedings against Subject.</p> <p><i>2. Receipt of references brought to our attention the interest in Subject by both SMOTH and the SG, and we also noted that CIC (now MIG) had expressed an "investigative interest" in Subject via IRN 66-770-59 dated 22 September 1959. The IRN used the name Fridolin HOFFMANN, author of "East-West trade in Twilight", and unfortunately both Munich Base and UPSWING failed at the time to note that he is identical with</i></p> <p><i>Dr. Emil Fridolin *HOFFMANN</i> Born 10 October 1911 in Unglinghausen.</p> <p>Upon noting that we had erroneously replied to CIC's IRN with a no trace Munich Base and UPSWING reply, we re-traced UPSWING and received the information in attachment. This report may be passed directly to MIG. We suggest that you call the SMOTH and SG interest to MIG's attention to determine whether a conflict of interest exists.</p> <p><i>3. COB, Bonn: Munich Base files contain no information suitable for passing to the SG. FYI: On the basis of BOB's query on HOFFMANN contained in EGMA 47457 dated 24 January 1958 we determined that UPSWING had no interest in HOFFMANN. UPSWING's CE section at one time had an interest in Subject which was peripheral in nature and was based on a BIV trace request directed to UPSWING in connection with the founding of the DEUTSCHE CHINA GESELLSCHAFT in Hamburg circa September 1957. Other details on HOFFMANN which includes all the information in Munich Base files, can be found in the attachment. Note that this is not to be passed to the SG. Reference B also requests traces on</i></p> <p><i>Alfred NEHM</i> Born 10 May 1908 in Berlin, Germany <i>Suspect RIS, Service unknown</i></p> <p>Munich Base files contain no information suitable for passing to the SG on NEHM. He is a well known suspected Soviet intelligence agent, but the voluminous information in Munich Base files is based on UPSWING or other Federal Representative Agency reporting and primarily concerns NEHM's contacts with individuals of interest to UPSWING. Presumably the SG will obtain this data directly from UPSWING. NEHM is well known as a suspected Soviet intelligence agent who has had connections with Kurt MEGRASSUS, Dr. Emil HOFFMANN, Charlie WEISSBLUT, Walter MARQUARD, and the LIEBERMANN</p> <p><i>Contacts of Emil HOFFMANN</i></p> <p>Approved: C]</p> <p>Attachment: UPSWING Report on Subject</p> <p>Distribution: 2-CLS w/att. un.sep.cov. 2-EE w/att. un.sep.cov. 2-COS/G w/att. un.sep.cov. 2-Bonn w/att. un.sep.cov. 2-BOB w/att. un.sep.cov.</p>			
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BND Report on Dr. Emil Fridolin HOFFMANN

1. Dr. jur. or Dr. rer. pol. Emil HOFFMANN, born 10 October 1911 in Unglinghausen/Westfalen, comes from a Calvinistic peasant family. He is married to Helma, nee RINCK.

2. In Marburg he was allegedly a leading Nazi student and member of the SA, later a press officer for the Nazi German League of students, a cultural officer in the Reichpropaganda ministry, press attache in the German Embassy in Bucharest and during World War II (1941), German press advisor in the office of the Rumanian premier. After having differences with minister KILLINGER, he was allegedly transferred to SS-Standarte "Kurt EGGERS" as a soldier correspondent and was active in Bucharest and Bratislava with the rank of SS-Oberscharfuehrer. At this time he was allegedly involved with German intelligence organizations in Southeastern Europe.

3. At the end of the war he lived black for a while, later was arrested by the British, and subsequently posed intermittently as a political persecutee and engaged in black market business. He is alleged to have worked for British and French intelligence services and to have secured his release by the British in 1947 through denouncing some of his former companions. Until 1949 he worked as a correspondent for "Echo der Woche" in Frankfurt/Main and was rumored at this time to have contacts with Czech and Soviet intelligence agencies. In the "Nauheimer Kreis" (Neutralists), he acted as a contact man between Professor NOACK and Soviet Ambassador SEMJONOV.

4. In early 1950 during a visit to Hamburg, HOFFMANN is alleged to have said that he was living in Berlin and doing a good business there with the aid of his connections in the "Nauheimer Kreis".

5. Between the 18th and 22nd of May he participated in the assembly of the Nauheim Kreis in Witzenhausen. Toward the end of April 1951 he involved himself more deeply in East-West trade, visited the "Verein Deutscher Ingenieure" in Cologne as well as a number of West German business firms and together with his business friend Alfred NEHM allegedly arranged some commercial deals in steel with the East German DIA-KOMPENSATION. It was suspected that these business deals served only as a cover for intelligence activities, but this could not be proved. In August 1951 he took over the Berlin sales office of ATLAS GmbH, of Munich. In August and September 1951, he was in Sweden, probably on business. It is possible that he was visiting the former Bucharest director of the Swedish Red Cross with whom he had been on good terms.

6. In late May 1952 he and Alfred NEHM allegedly arranged a triangular trade transaction involving abrasives with a value of about two million DM with the firm KLINGSPORR, SIEGEN/Westfalen, the FRIGALIMENT firm in Sweden (a subsidiary of ATLAS GmbH.), and DIA-KOMPENSATION of East Berlin. In July 1952 he reportedly represented West German industrial circles in Berlin Schoeneberg for arranging legal and illegal East-West trade. In October 1952 he is reported to have had another apartment in Frankfurt/Main, Koernerwiese 11. In addition to his connections with heavy industry, he allegedly also had contact with the Federal Ministry for Commerce in December 1952 - January 1953.

7. In February 1953, he told an acquaintance that he would soon be leaving Berlin and would set up an office in Cologne to arrange for East-West trade after the ratification of the General Vertrag. Among

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<p>other things it would arrange transit deals with the aid of a Swedish consortium.</p>		
<p>8. Actually, it appears that Western Allies authorities put an end to his Berlin activity and Dr. HOFFMANN could consider himself lucky that he was able to move from West-Berlin to the Federal Republic in the beginning of 1953, with a "heiler Haut". He settled in Mehlem near Bonn as a "foreign trade advisor". In May 1953 he was allegedly to be arrested on suspicion of espionage.</p>		
<p>9. After December 1953 he appeared in Bonn as a representative for ATLAS, GmbH. He said his residence was Bad Honnef, Am Riechenberg 15. At the beginning of 1954 he allegedly arranged some business with Rumania with the help of the Rumanian legation in Vienna. He also dealt with representatives of several Soviet agencies concerning business contracts. Shortly before Easter 1954 he travelled to ZAGREB. He was also apparently involved in the placing of orders by the Soviet Union with the firm "HOWALDT-WERKE". In April 1954 he allegedly dropped his connection with the ATLAS GmbH firm and also his connection with the Swedish firms. He then worked for Swiss and Lichtenstein firms and also had connections with an East Asian trade firm. At the end of 1954 he published several articles on India and Yugoslavia in the magazine "Der Volkswirt". According to West German businessmen the author of these articles demonstrated a strange (merkwürdige) attitude. He also wrote the book Ost-West Handel in Zwielficht, which was reviewed favorably by the publications "Der Spiegel" and "Pravda".</p>		
<p>10. In June 1955 it was reported that many West German journalists contacted Dr. HOFFMANN when they wanted information about Eastern personalities. It was said at that time that Dr. HOFFMANN was again in contact with a Swedish firm dealing in East-West trade. Industry, chambers of commerce and business groups frequently invited him to give talks on the subject of East-West trade. On the 17th of July 1955 he allegedly made arrangements with the Rumanian legation in Vienna for establishing a German trade office in Bucharest. On the 19th and the 20th of July 1955 he was negotiating with the Chinese export-import corporation and with the Red Chinese trade delegation in East Berlin. The support from the "Ostausschuss der Deutschen Wirtschaft" is supposed to have enabled him to make new business contacts.</p>		
<p>11. On 1 October 1955 he moved from MEHLEM, allegedly to Braunschweig, where he received his mail. His furniture, however, was transported to West Berlin. In November 1955 two houses were set up for him, allegedly one for living and the other for business. On the 1st of November 1955 he took over editorship of the "Berliner Wirtschaftsblatt", Berlin, Grunewald, Taubertstr. 6, and said that his main job would be to publish articles promoting unlimited trade between West Germany and the East bloc states. Minister RAU is supposed to have given him his full support.</p>		
<p>12. In January 1956 he is supposed to have had differences with the management of the "Berliner Wirtschaftsblatt" and to have considered leaving the staff to become chief editor of various German economic journals and to open a branch office in Moscow, from whence he at the same time could watch his business interests.</p>		
<p>13. In June 1956 it became apparent during the executive action in connection with a part of the Liebermann group, that Dr. HOFFMANN was at the least in contact with peripheral figures of this group. In September 1956 he allegedly made a trip as a journalist to Hungary, Yugoslavia and Bulgaria.</p>		
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<p style="text-align: center;">SECRET/NOFORN</p> <p>14. In September 1957 Dr. HOFFMANN, Berlin appeared as a charter member of the "Deutsche China Gesellschaft e.V.".</p> <p>15. Dr. HOFFMANN has a great number of political, economic and journalistic connections abroad and in Germany which he cultivates and utilizes. His tremendous memory and friendly cheerful behavior come in handy for this purpose. Acquaintances describe him as an unscrupulous person without inhibitions whose sole interest is money. His participation in legal and illegal East-West trade and his numerous personal contacts always lead to the suspicion of intelligence work, for which there has been no proof so far.</p>		
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